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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Steven M. Ziola et al.

Application No.: 09/965,672

Filed: September 26, 2001

For: DEVICE AND METHOD DESIGNED  
FOR ULTRASONICALLY INSPECTING  
CYLINDERS FOR LONGITUDINAL AND  
CIRCUMFERENTIAL DEFECTS AND TO  
MEASURE WALL THICKNESS

Examiner: Chapman Jr., John E.

Art Unit: 2856

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION  
REQUIREMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated **December 23, 2002**, Applicants elect group I, claims 1-26, without traverse. Applicants note that this election may not be taken as a dedication to the public of the non-elected group (or any other subject matter) and Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue the non-elected claims and to traverse any restriction requirement that may be applied in any divisional or continuation application.

Applicants further note that an IDS is filed herewith.

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### CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believes all claims now pending in this application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (510) 337-7871.

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